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Shatin	7.02	9.02	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.46	7.31
Tai-po	7.16	9.16	11.04	12.34	1.48	5.08	5.58	7.44
Tai-po Market	7.21	9.21	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.03	7.48
Fanning	7.32	9.32	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.23	6.13	7.58
Shungshui	7.38	9.38	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.27	6.17	8.02
Shum-chun	7.42	9.42	11.25	12.55	2.10	5.30	6.20	8.06

STATIONS	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shum-chun	7.21	9.21	10.38	11.46	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shungshui	7.25	9.25	10.42	11.50	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanning	7.32	9.32	10.48	11.56	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai-po Market	7.42	9.42	10.58	12.05	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po	7.48	9.48	11.04	12.11	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin	7.58	9.58	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	5.51	6.46
Yau-matli	8.12	10.12	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.04	6.58
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Tai-po	7.16	9.11	11.04	12.34	1.48	5.08	5.58	7.44
Tai-po Market	7.21	9.16	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.03	7.48
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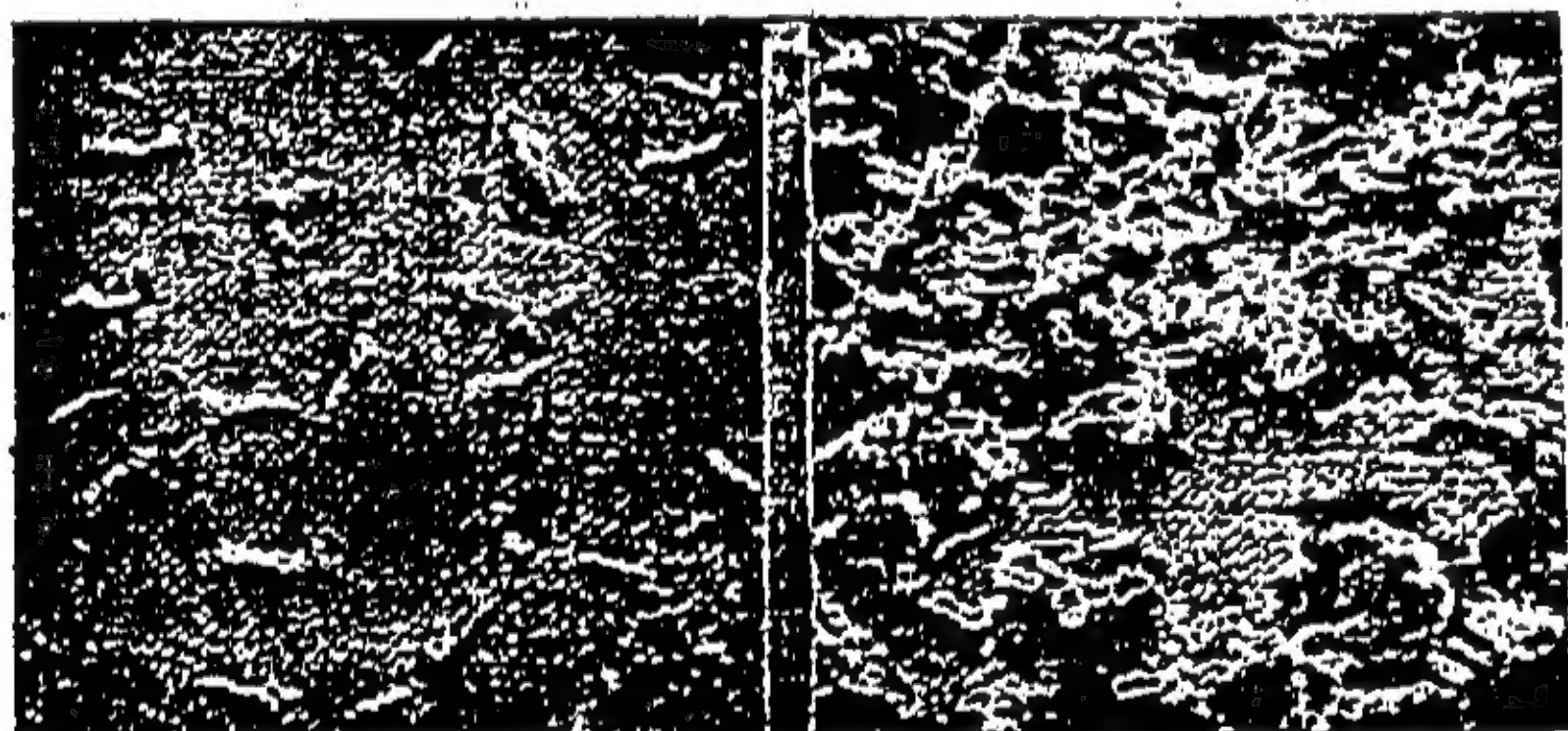
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

ELECTED EDUCATION
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ARE THEY A FAILURE?

APATHY OF ELECTORS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 25th.
While there were about 60,000 people at Murrayfield to witness the international Rugby match between England and Scotland, only 48,000 took the trouble to record a vote in the election on the previous day for a new Education Authority for the burgh of Edinburgh. Roughly speaking, Murrayfield housed as many Edinburgh citizens as visited the polling-booths. There was also a rival attraction at another Edinburgh football ground, where there were 30,000 spectators, a considerable number of whom would be on the electoral roll for the burgh. Thus do we draw a faint distinction between our amusements and our public duty; determining that whether or not we discharge our obligations as citizens and electors, we shall at least not miss the gratification of cheering our team to victory. This apathy characterised the whole General Election, as it may be called, which determines the education given to children over the length and breadth of Scotland. What is the effect of this state of matters? It plays into the hands of sectional interests, and in particular into that of the Roman Catholic Church. This would not be the case if the electors as a body could be interested in the work of the Education Authority. But the majority are not interested, and this enables any well-organised group to obtain a disproportionate share of the seats. While the success of the Roman Catholics in Glasgow and Edinburgh is striking, it is not more remarkable than the continued failure of the Socialists. In Edinburgh the Socialists put forward 12 candidates, and only two were successful. In Glasgow they had 17 candidates, of whom 12 failed to find favour. This is surprising when regard is had to their Parliamentary, and even municipal, representation in Glasgow. The inference that the supporters of the Socialist party are not interested in education is irresistible. The party, as a whole, does not share the enthusiasm of its leaders—or of some of its leaders—for education; and if it was in the power of the Parliamentary Socialist party to introduce the programme which they have outlined, they would almost certainly experience trouble in persuading the great body of their supporters to accept the new compulsory system. It becomes a timely question whether we should persist in the experiment of an elected Education Authority. It is not clear beyond dispute that the vast majority of the public do not want it. From 75 to 80 per cent. of the electorate proclaim their wishes in the matter by refusing to function in the election. In these circumstances what results is not a real democratic election. We have in effect a Board nominated by a quarter or less of the electors, and if it is to be a nominated Board we might well adopt a less cumbersome way of forming it. We might at the same time find a more democratic way. It has become increasingly certain that there is nowhere enough local interest to give vitality to more than one Board engaged in the administration of local affairs, and the attempt to maintain three of them is reacting upon all in making them unresponsive to the workings of the public mind. The general experience is that in electing a member of Parliament from 75 to 80 per cent. of the public take an active part; in electing a Town Council from 50 to 75 per cent. and in electing a Parish Council or Education Authority from 20 to 30 per cent. The last two are not wanted by the public, and there would be a gain in representative value by transferring their functions in the large towns, at any rate, to the Town Councils.

OUR GREAT RUGBY FESTIVAL.
A new chapter in the history of Scottish Rugby was opened at the end of last week. Without formal ceremony the oval football was kicked off in the Murrayfield district, Edinburgh, in the centre of a vast enclosure capable of accommodating over ninety thousand people. When Inverleith was built a quarter of a century ago it was amply sufficient for the crowds attending the big games, but rapid growth in the popularity of Rugby football in recent years compelled the Scottish Rugby Union to find a larger ground, and Murrayfield—probably the finest enclosure of its kind in the British Isles—is the result. At the international match between England and Scotland, the leading event of the Rugby year, Glasgow and Edinburgh for the time being sink their jealousies, and in fraternal spirit sit on the same hard benches whooping—or as near whooping as gentlemanly followers of the game of Rugby may—the play of the Young Gentlemen of Great Britain. It is the occasion of a great treat by road as well as by rail towards the Capital, especially from the West Country, but of a totally different type from that of the football "fans" who go char-a-banc after famous Soccer teams. To rank as a reputable follower of Rugby in Scotland involves observance of a certain ritual. The "hooker-doon" cap is barred unless in conjunction with the baggiest of knee-breeches. And a "rickety" or a tarten bonnet are utterly impossible. There is nothing foolishly democratic about Rugby, a seat in the stand is a token of exclusiveness, and to live in the wrong avenue either in Edinburgh or Glasgow is to have a poor chance of obtaining one. Social proprieties have actually a considerable bearing on the proper enjoyment of the day. The absence of song is symptomatic; there are no choruses either on the motors, or on the football field. High spirits, modified within reasonable bounds, give the prevailing note. We celebrate in a well-ordered and polite way, and is not

that a proof of a civilised crowd? We may lose our hats, but we do not lose our heads. Even in the scramble in tea-rooms for sustenance after the match we do not lose our tempers. The referee is safe from us; the criminal statistics of Edinburgh remain undisturbed by our coming and going. Still, if we do not break windows, nor sing, nor wave aggressive flags in the faces of strangers, we still make a great day of it. Let the best men win, we say (meaning the Scots, of course). Let the game flourish. And we go home full of the satisfaction of having been participants in an important social celebration, one combining the inimitable virtues of athleticism and gentlemanly conduct, one that unites friends and gives a better excuse for a motor run, a huge lunch and a hearty cheer than anything else in the round of the year.

It is curious that a game so democratic in Wales and in the industrial towns on the Scottish Borders should still in our great Northern cities be classed in its appeal, and be regarded with indifference by the vast multitude who are passionate over the Association game. Rugby, with its much more dangerous-looking scrums and tackling, might naturally be expected to have the greater attraction for spectators, to whom the vicarious enjoyment of rough conflict is congenial. There is at least quite as much "science" in one game as in the other, and it only requires the Rugby fan to familiarise himself with Soccer, and the Association fan to study Rugby, to realise that both games are of the highest sporting interest. Yet something almost like a political gulf divides those games in Scotland. Rugby is, roughly, the game of the Universities, the Academics, the professional classes, and that social caste which does not take high tea nor start work before nine in the morning. Association, while it has its own devotees even from these ranks, has been raised to pre-eminence as by far the most popular athletic sport in Scotland by the favour of the masses, who regard the "carrying code" as a mystery comprehensible only to athletic high-brows. The introduction of professionalism in Association football unquestionably did much to separate football enthusiasts into two camps. It has always seemed to the Rugby fan that football as a national sport was morally degraded by the payment of players and the commercialisation and exploitation of clubs and individual players; it has always been the argument of the Soccer follower that the science of the game has trebled since professionalism was introduced, and that amateur football players were as indifferent to look at as amateur actors. And so the division has continued and increased in width and depth until now it is quite unbridgeable.

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The number of persons on March 9th recorded on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain was 1,250,700. This was 14,915 less than a week before, but 106,875 more than a year previously. The Secretary of the Ministry of Labour draws attention to a discrepancy in the return due to a large decrease shown in certain of the detailed returns which were received late. There was actually a decrease of 447 on March 2nd as compared with February 23rd, instead of an increase of 1,633 as previously announced.

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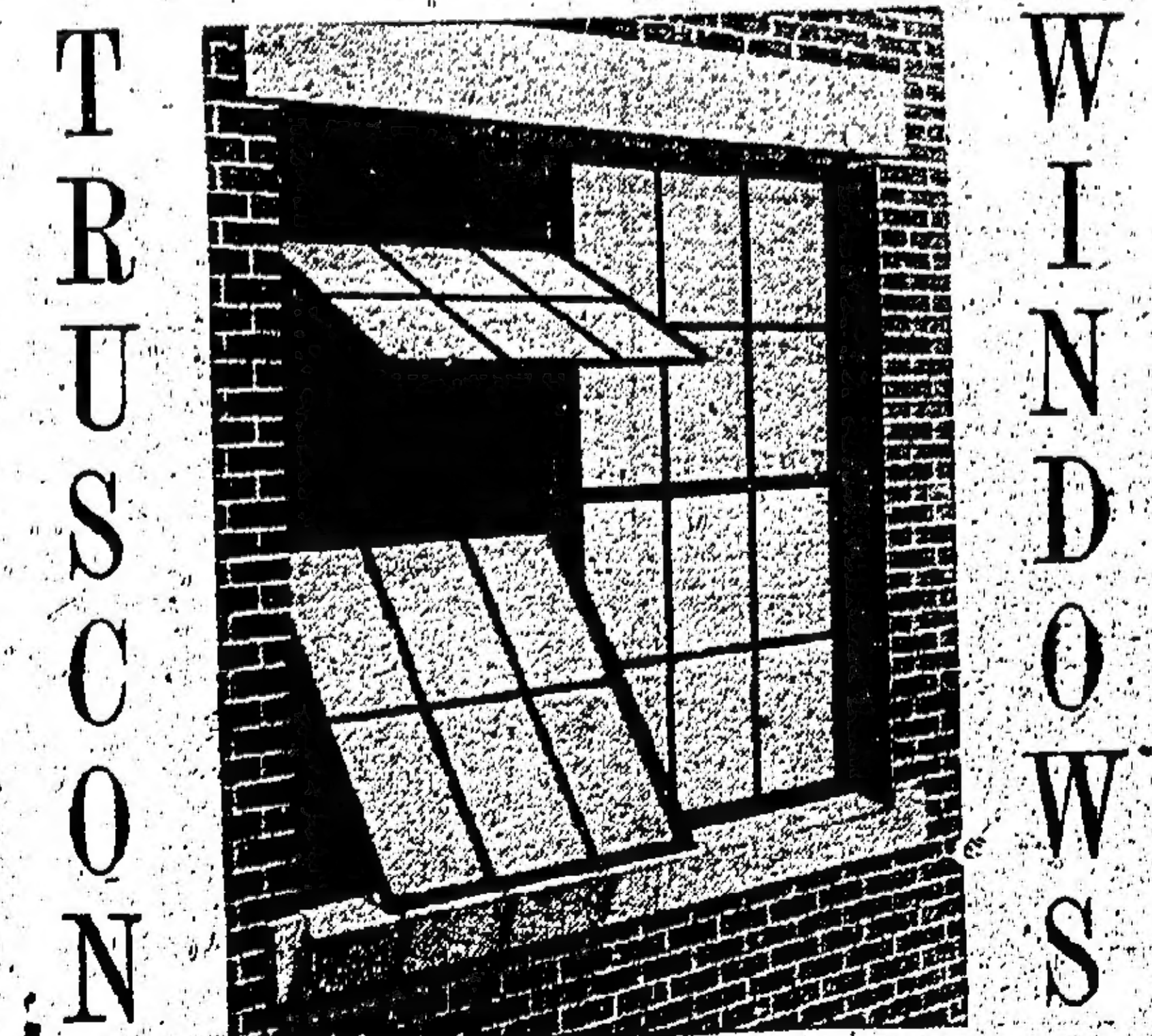
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

The 28th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning at the office of Messrs. Sheehan, Tones and Co. Mr. R. G. Sheehan presided, and others present were:—The Rev. Father Robert, Mr. T. G. Wenli, Mr. A. H. White, Mr. Lee Hysan (Consulting Committee), Mr. E. M. de Rocha (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. W. Morley, A. P. Samy, A. M. Thornhill, C. A. da Roza, Poon I. Cho, Tse Tsan Tai, W. J. Hawker, Tong Hok Ling, H. H. Taylor, Fung Tat Hang, M. A. Figueiredo, Yip Yung Pak, and W. J. Carroll.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—The Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1924, have been in your hands for some days, so with your permission we will now take them as read. The net earnings excluding the profit on the sale of the Kennedy Town property amount to \$298,595.48 as against \$104,597.74 for the previous year, which I have no doubt you will consider highly satisfactory.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account less Interim Dividend is \$448,792.85 and we recommend that this amount should be dealt with as follows:—

To place to Reserve Fund ... \$ 50,000.00

To place to Equalisation of Dividend Account ... 100,000.00

To write off from Godown Equipment Account ... 7,442.83

To pay a Final Dividend of 30 cents per share on 170,000 old shares ... 136,000.00

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To pay a Final Dividend of 18 cents per share on 18,247 new shares ... 3324.66

and carry forward the balance of \$19,255.59 to next year's account.

This will bring the Reserve Fund up to \$100,000 and leave the Equalisation of Dividend Account at another \$100,000 thus more than repaying what we took from these accounts last year for dividend. We hope that these allocations will meet with your approval.

From the accounts now before you, you will see that "Interest paid and Commissions" rose from \$150,452.79 to \$171,999.86 in addition to interest on mortgages which came to \$67,546.47, a total of \$289,946.43 paid for interest, etc., but as we owed on mortgages \$1,259,000 and our overdraft was \$2,026,344.41, this amount is easily accounted for and explains why we had to make the final call of \$2,000,000 on the 15th instant, which was simply to reduce this large indebtedness. "Sundry Creditors" which stood at \$289,506.88, included several temporary loans and has since been reduced to about \$50,000.

In accordance with Resolutions passed on January 14th, 1924, and confirmed on January 28th, 1924, fully paid up bonus shares to the value of \$300,000 were issued to shareholders bringing the capital up to \$2,000,000, and under the same Resolutions \$1,000,000 new capital was called up on March 15th, 1924, making \$3,000,000 in all.

A further call of \$1,000,000 was made on January 15th this year and a final call of \$2,000,000 on April 15th, making the total paid-up capital—\$6,000,000—but these figures belong to 1925 and do not appear in the present accounts.

After all the hopes we had of assistance from the Government it seems that little or nothing will be done for West Point as regards wharfage accommodation, and seeing that so much time was being lost we decided to acquire the wharf and godowns of the Standard Oil Company situated on Marine Lot 246 and Section A of Inland Lot No. 1295 at a cost of \$1,200,000. This and the small wharf we already own on M.L. 150 will, we think, meet our requirements for the development of the Port take a more definite shape.

On Marine Lots Nos. 177 and 178, which were not built upon when we bought them, we have on one half quickly put up some small one-storied godowns which were utilised at once and have proved quite remunerative, but, of course, we cannot get the full value out of the land with one-storied godowns, so we are erecting a large 5-storied godown of reinforced concrete on the remaining half, which we feel sure will bring a good return to the Company.

As for our prospects this year, business generally is undoubtedly very slack at present, but the year has not opened badly for us and we have had no reason so far to anticipate any serious falling off in our turnover.

I now move that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed, and when that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. W. MORLEY proposed that Mr. H. P. White, Father Robert, Messrs. Lee Hysan and T. G. Wenli be elected as consulting committee.

Mr. A. P. SAMY seconded, and this was carried.

Mr. C. A. DA ROZA proposed that Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be appointed auditors.

Mr. FUNG TAT HANG seconded, and this was carried.

The CHAIRMAN announced that dividend warrants were now ready.

LAOU KUNG MOW C. S. & W. CO.

An extraordinary meeting of the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on April 22nd at the Shanghai offices of Messrs. Hbert & Co., Ltd., agents and managers for the Company.

Sir Edward Pearce presided, supported by the directors, Messrs. C. M. Bain, K. Olan and L. M. H. Beytagh. Altogether there were 73,310 shares represented.

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SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Orient of Saigon, in their market report dated 21st April say:—

The tendency of our market continues to be strongly upwards. The engagements of the mills are still very heavy and no deliveries can be obtained for April—beginning of May shipment, unless at extravagant prices. Demand from Europe is practically nil. Some business has been closed with Japan, but big sales have been made to the Philippine Islands. For brokels 1 and 2 mixed the tendency is firm. Rather important contracts of white rice meal have been booked with Liverpool buyers for April-May shipment. The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to April 15th, 1925, is 475,492,541 tons, against 47,945,344 in 1924. We quote to-day while Saigon rice No. 2 sifted, Japan quality, Hongkong \$6.85 per picul f.o.b. Saigon; 15s. 6d. per picul f.o.b. Saigon, yen 8.90 per picul f.o.b. Saigon, for April-May shipment.

"As the result of the meeting the following resolutions were unanimously confirmed:—

That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. L. M. H. Beytagh and G. A. Turner be liquidators for the purpose of such winding up as follows:—That Messrs. L. M. H. Beytagh and G. A. Turner be and are hereby appointed joint and several liquidators for the purpose of such winding up at a total remuneration of Tls. 27,000 and that each of these, the said L. M. H. Beytagh and the said G. A. Turner, acting singly and without the other of them be and is hereby authorized to exercise every power given to a liquidator in a voluntary winding up.



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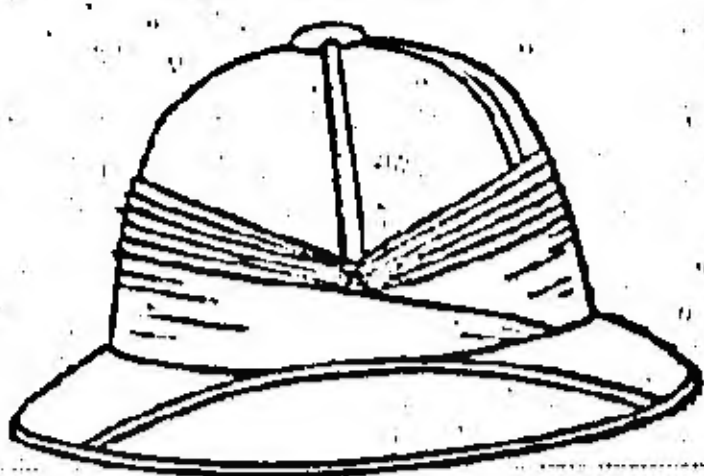
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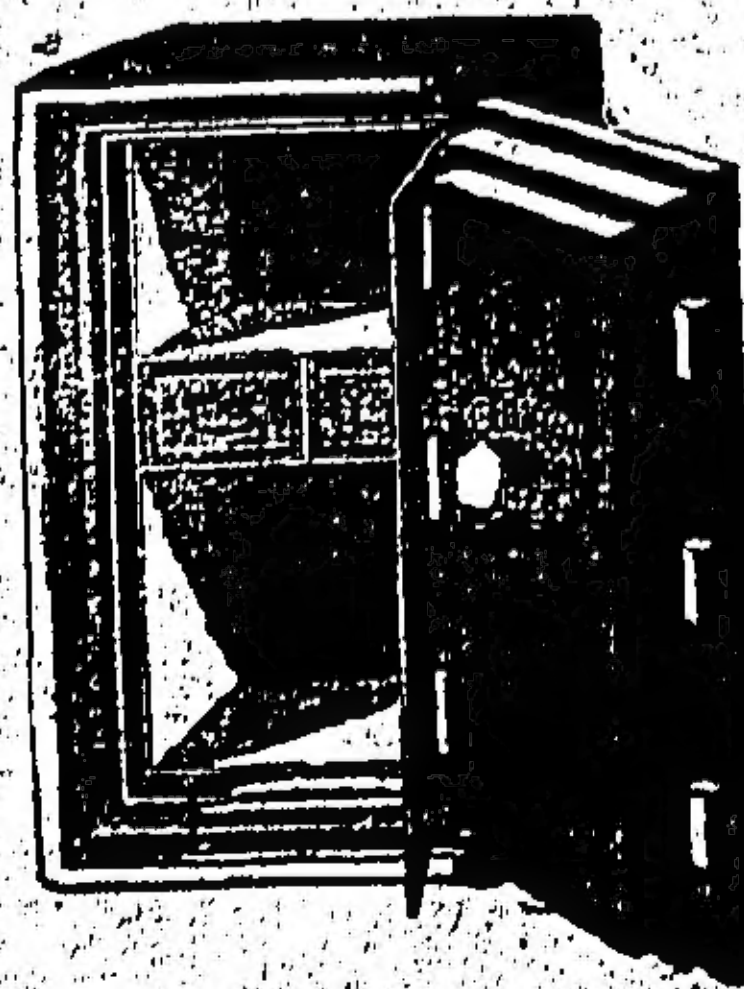
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THE CHARTERED BANK. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The seventy-first ordinary general meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was held at the Bank's premises, 38, Bishopsgate, E.C., on April 1st, Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, the Chairman, presiding. The chief manager, Mr. W. E. Preston, having read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report.

The Chairman said:—
Ladies and Gentlemen—I propose that the directors' report, balance-sheet and profit and loss account be taken as read. (Agreed.) I am sorry that our colleague, Mr. Colin Campbell, is unable to be present to-day. He is a victim of the prevailing epidemic, influenza, and, unfortunately, is confined to his house.

From the report you will notice that our valued friend and colleague, Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., has decided to retire from the board owing to failing health. Sir Alfred has been a director for 37 years, always a good friend and staunch supporter of this Bank, and has won a name for himself in the City of London as a very straight and honourable man of business. His colleagues on this board part with him with real regret. (Hear, hear.) It will also be noticed from the report that Mr. J. M. G. Proffit has passed away. He was on a visit to India, when, shortly after his arrival in Calcutta, he became a victim to a very sharp attack of malaria. Mr. Proffit had only been a director of this bank for five years, but during that period he gave full proof of his value and his attachment to the bank. To many of us Mr. Proffit was an old and much esteemed friend, whose many charms and sterling good qualities we shall long retain in our memory.

The vacancies on the Court of directors have been filled by the election of Mr. H. Bateson (an ex-President of the Bank of Bengal), of Messrs. Ogilvy, Gillanders & Co. of this city, and of Messrs. Gillanders, Arbuthnot & Co. Calcutta, and the election of Mr. A. Jamieson, of the Borneo Co. Ltd. Each gentleman has varied and extensive business connections, and we shall ask you to-day to confirm their election.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet for the year ended December 31st last, and in drawing your attention to the result which shows a net profit slightly less than that of last year, I desire to emphasise the fact that competition in Eastern Banking is increasing in all directions, with the result that bargains in exchange are whittled down to an extremely fine point, and it is not easy to maintain the standard of profits of previous years. Furthermore, the course of trade in the East has not run so smoothly, or in such volume as we might have hoped, had conditions been normal. In attempting to describe the conditions under which we have worked, and to make a forecast for the future, I should be inclined to adopt the well-known formula which we have heard with such frequency while listening in for the evening weather report: "Weather unsettled; prospects uncertain." The weather in some quarters has, indeed, been extremely unsettled. There have been periods of sunshine, but, as a rule, the commercial barometer has stood low.

CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

I would refer to China as an example, where the usual course of industry and commerce has been seriously interfered with by the prevalence of disastrous Civil War both in the North and South in China. The only result of this internal conflict, as far as I can see, is the personal aggrandisement or the attainment of power by a few military leaders, who can scarcely be regarded as patriots in any sense of the word. China is suffering also from the absence of a strong Central Government, with the result that disorder reigns supreme in many of the provinces. The peaceful inhabitants are looted and outraged by bands of ex-soldier brigands. Communication by rail, road, or river is so uncertain and dangerous that merchants prefer to keep their goods in safety at the seaports, while up-country dealers are unable to move their goods to seaports owing to the want of transport facilities. Thousands of tons of wool, cotton, skins, seeds, and other raw products are awaiting transportation from North China. The railways are practically in the hands of the military leaders, with the result that the rolling stock is scarcely ever available for the transport of commerce, and, even when available, has to be paid for at an abnormal price, added to which the permanent way is in such a state of disrepair as to prevent the ordinary running of traffic. In spite of this, the Customs Revenue for Hankow and Shanghai show an increase over 1923, chiefly in connection with imports, the higher value of which may account for the increase, which seems unaccountable in the face of a general complaint of dull trade. Imports into China of twist and cotton piece goods from Japan show a considerable increase in 1923-24, as compared with imports from Great Britain. Hongkong reports that forward import business of linen and woollen goods is far from bright. The political situation in Canton is very unsettled, and dealers are reluctant to trade under these conditions. Up-country stocks are tight and, if safe transport were guaranteed through an improved political situation, clearances would improve immediately.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

Japan has been confronted with the difficult financial problem of meeting extraordinary expenditure for reconstruction purposes in addition to the ordinary heavy charges on account of military and naval outlay. A heavy adverse balance of trade up to the end of 1924, owing to large imports of foodstuffs, wool, cotton and material for reconstruction purposes, with a depreciated yen, has necessitated borrowing both in Europe and America, but the general economic outlook is hopeful, and Japan has no reason to be seriously alarmed at the position. In Tokyo reconstruction has made rapid progress, and about 70 to 80 per cent. of the population are back again. In Yokohama less rapid progress has been made, but Government and the Municipality have decided to allot ¥120,000,000 between them for reconstructing the town, and a large sum is being spent on harbour works, piers, etc., so as to make Yokohama the finest port in Japan.

It is interesting to note that the Japanese cotton and spinning mills have had a prosperous time, paying dividends ranging from 18 per cent. to 43 per cent. in 1924, as against very much lower profits shown by similar mills in England and the United States. This prosperity (temporary though it may be) is mainly due to protection, combinations to keep up domestic prices, and longer working hours. The mills work 27 days per month, with an average day of 19 hours. It is right to record the fact that Japanese labour is much less efficient than Western labour. Roughly speaking, in Japan 36 operatives are required for every 1,000 spindles, i.e., 13 for each shift—while in the United States and Great Britain only five operatives are said to be employed for each 1,000 spindles—i.e., one shift.

This prosperity of the Japanese cotton mill industry is in striking contrast to the present position of the same industry in Great Britain and India. The Bombay cotton mills especially have had, and are having, extremely bad times. It is therefore not surprising that Bombay mill owners and their sympathisers are clamouring loudly and insistently for the immediate abolition of the 3½ per cent. cotton excise duty. Imports of yarn from Japan into India have greatly increased to the detriment of Lancashire goods. In the last nine months of 1924 imports of cotton twist and yarn from Japan into India totalled 25,500,000 lbs., a very substantial increase on previous years. So also in the case of unbleached grey goods, the imports from Great Britain have decreased, while shipments from Japan to India have increased. These facts are worthy of serious consideration.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning to our balance-sheet, our total figures at 31st December 1924 show an increase of £1,083,790 15s. 7d. over those for the corresponding period of 1923. Our current and fixed deposit accounts aggregate £42,060,312 15s. 10d., an increase over our figures of the previous year of £469,285 14s. 8d. Our cash in hand and at bankers at 31st December 1924 is £1,930,914 11s. 6d., higher than the same item of 1923, whilst bullion on hand and in transit exceeded our 1923 figure by £2,080,780 7s. This increase was due to heavy purchases of gold and sovereigns by the Indian Bazarars from South Africa, America, and London, and financed by our Bombay Agency, which were readily absorbed.

Our holdings of Government and other securities have been reduced from £14,383,289 11s. 4d. in 1923, to £12,470,274 8s. 11d., a reduction of £1,913,015 2s. 5d. Our policy has been, having in view the renewal or otherwise of the Gold and Silver (Export Control) Act which continues in force until the end of this year, that it would be advisable to reduce our holding and to confine such as we retained to short dated terminable securities, protecting us from ultimate depreciation. This action has resulted in our holding of Bills to be increased from £13,944,602 13s. 9d. to £19,178,445 9s. 4d. Our bills discounted and loans have risen from £17,082,202 10s. 3d. to £19,007,198 0s. 7d., whilst our acceptances on account of customers show an increase from £2,050,287 2s. 5d. to £4,359,544 14s. 8d.

Our bank premises have been reduced from £271,050 14s. 9d. to £245,142 9s. 4d. Our net profit, a little less than last year, enables us to pay the same dividend and bonus to shareholders, and to make the usual allocations to our reserve fund, officers' superannuation fund, and premises account.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Sir John N. Jordan, G.C.M.G.; G.C.I.E., K.C.B., the report and accounts were passed. The Chairman proposed and Mr. T. Cuthbertson seconded a resolution that a final dividend at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum together with a bonus of 6s. 3d. share, making 20½ per cent. per annum for the year, free of income tax, be paid, and the motion was duly carried.

ALLEGED \$18,950 FORGERY. SENSATIONAL ACTION IN U.S. COURT, SHANGHAI.

A sensation was caused at the U. S. Court on the 22nd inst., at the resumed hearing of the action of Long & the Asia Banking Corporation, when Mr. C. S. Franklin, for defendants, interrupted Mr. R. T. Bryan, who was arguing the case for plaintiff.

Upon being handed a telegram Mr. Franklin rose, excused himself for interrupting and asked Judge Purdy for permission to reopen the defence.

At the hearing on Tuesday, a witness, an expert in handwriting, for the plaintiff, stated in cross-examination by Mr. Franklin that he had the alleged forged cheque in his possession for an entire day in Canton. Mr. Long had given it to him. Mr. Franklin appeared unimpressed and informed the Court that as far as he knew the cheque had never left the possession of the Bank.

Resuming his statement yesterday Mr. Franklin read a cable just received from Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Hongkong lawyers, who, in reply to his inquiry, affirmed that the cheque, Exhibit "C," had not left their possession.

They were, he continued, a most respectable firm, and it hardly seemed possible that they would have disobeyed instructions. And if he went on to say, their cable was true, there might be interesting changes in the aspects of the case.

Judge Purdy then intimated that such information could have much bearing on the evidence. Mr. Lee, his Honour continued, stated positively in evidence, that plaintiff brought the cheque to him in Canton for him to examine, and further that he had been paid to come to Shanghai to give evidence. If the cheque never left the hands of the Hongkong barristers, he, the Judge, must consider the action from a different angle, "I would," his Honour resumed, "have no difficulty in finding against plaintiff."

The Judge said he hardly felt that a man would come to Shanghai from Canton to give false evidence in such an important action.

Mr. Bryan—I can prove that the cheque did leave the holders. This seems to me to be much ado about nothing. His Honour then suggested an adjournment to ascertain by deposition the then conditions relating to the cheque.

"MOONSHINE EVIDENCE."
Mr. Bryan objected, but was willing if he were permitted to introduce further evidence by deposition, that of a Mr. Dovey, a hand-writing expert, and from photographers who took the pictures of the exhibits.

More argument over "moonshine" evidence and a "moonlight" trip to Hongkong for more proof, followed. Finally Mr. Franklin withdrew his motion to re-open his case, stating that he might ask for a new trial, if necessary.

Mr. Walter Smith, who gave expert evidence in the Greenberg-Sligman action, was called by Mr. Franklin as a hand-writing expert. Witness stated that in his opinion he had passed on thousands of signatures while in the banking profession—the signature on Exhibit "C," the alleged forgery, was written by the same hand as the other 82 exhibits. Going carefully into details, witness substantiated his opinion with measurements and showed the existing similarities.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bryan, witness remarked that he had acted as a hand-writing expert in cases in the New York State Circuit Court, in the U. S. Court for China and in the Mixed Court.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.
H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.
The following games were decided yesterday in the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament.

Open Championship, Singles.—Ho Ka Lai beat Dr. D. J. Valentine, 6-0, 6-1, 6-3. F. A. Redmond beat Lim Ping Chin, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4. E. C. Fischer beat R. Taurant, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Open Championship, Doubles.—I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassumbay beat G. Miskin and D. J. Alfrey, 6-0, 6-2, 7-5. Lieut. Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West beat Yew Man Kit and Lau Fook Ling, 6-2, 6-6, 6-3.

Handicap, Singles.—"B"—P. H. Bonnerman (scr.) beat A. K. Mackenzie (-1/6), 6-4, 2-6, 3-3.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.
The following games are down for decision to-day:—

Mixed Handicap Doubles.—Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd and Mrs. Peck (scr.) v. Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodward (+15).

Handicap Singles.—"A"—G. R. Hett (-3/8) v. D. J. Alfrey (+2/6).
Handicap Doubles.—Lieut. Col. M. Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West (-15) v. W. Ironside and C. C. Hickling (+4/8).

Handicap Singles.—"B"—C. W. E. Bishop (-1/6) v. Capt. L. W. Bennett (+3/8).

Club Championship.—S. E. Green v. R. J. Saunders.

BILLIARDS.
CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY
AT V.R.C.

MR. YVANOVICH BEATS MR. KWOK.

By beating Mr. S. C. Kwok at the V.R.C. yesterday evening, Mr. P. A. Yvanovich will again meet Mr. A. J. Osmund to decide the billiards championship of the Colony. Mr. Yvanovich took the lead, but Mr. Kwok began to creep the lead, and then the former got away, and up, and then the former got away, and won by 1,000 to 800. The principal breaks were:

Mr. Yvanovich:—33, 20, 32, 49, 38, 27, 23, 25, 17, 33, 22, 14, 52, 11, 15, 18, 20, 21, 15, 23, 41.

Mr. Kwok:—23, 28, 27, 21, 47, 29, 32, 21, 16, 19, 24, 12, 46, 34, 16, 14.

INTERPRET BILLIARDS.
The team which is to visit Shanghai will probably consist of Messrs. A. G. Osmund (Capt.), B. A. Yvanovich, R. F. Luz, E. da Luz, P. da Rosa, E. da Rosa, and P. A. Rozario, one of whom will be a reserve. The team will be entertained by the Lusitano Club when in Shanghai. Fixtures have been arranged for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. A special match will be played between Mr. A. J. Osmund, Champion of Hongkong, and also between Mr. Osmund and Mr. Bennett.

The team will leave on the Empress of Asia on May 3rd.

BOXING.
CARDIFF TO MEET DUPRE
ON SATURDAY.

G.P.O. Jim Cardiff and André Dupré, ex-featherweight champion of France are to clash in a fifteen-round bout at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. Articles were signed on Saturday afternoon, the final arrangements being made by Mr. T. G. Bennett, the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Boxing Association.

The fight is to be fought under N.S.C. rules, but will be adjudicated by a referee and two judges. It will be a catch-weight contest over 15 two-minute rounds at 9 st. 5 lbs. ringside. Dupré is to receive £1,500, win, draw, or loss. Cardiff £750 for a win, \$500 for a draw, and \$250 if he loses. Dupré will also be paid \$250 towards expenses, provided there is a surplus after the tournament expenses have all been paid. \$100 has had to be deposited by each as a guarantee, and if either fails to make the weight this deposit will be forfeited.

Dupré will train at the V.R.C. under Kid Marriott, and some French sparring partners from the gunboats *Vigilante* and *Argus*. In addition to some minor bouts, a six round heavy-weight contest will also be seen between Lieut. Scamman Francis, H.M.S. *Titanica* (Champion of the Navy at the weight) and Gunner Moir (Champion of the China Squadron).

THE "TRAVESSA" TROPHY.
BI-ANNUAL RACE TO-MORROW.

The bi-annual race for the *Travessa* trophy will be held to-morrow, commencing at 4 p.m.

Any ship in port on that day may enter but not more than two boats.

Boats must be ordinary merchant ships' lifeboats, fitted with standard equipment in accordance with Board of Trade regulations.

The race will start with masts shipped and sails down. On the signal to start sails must be hoisted and boats may proceed sailing, rowing or both at the discretion of the helmsman.

Boats shall carry an Asiatic crew as follows:—
24 to 28 feet boat 6 men.
28 to 32 feet boat 2 men.
And one officer, all of whom must be long to the ship entering the boat.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock (P), Mark Boat off Yacht Club (S), Gun Rock (Gas Buoy (P)), Finish at Yacht Club across line west to east.

CINEMA NOTES.

WORLD THEATRE.

Oriental atmosphere dominates "The Green Goddess," the spectacular photoplay coming to the World Theatre to-day with George Arliss starred and Alice Joyce in the leading feminine rôle. When Distinctive Pictures Corporation decided to make the screen version of this Broadway stage success, it employed Roshanara, interpreter of East Indian dramas, as technical adviser for all of the Indian costumes, sets and customs which are essential to the piece.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Full houses again greeted Carter, the magician, at both the performances at the Queen's Theatre yesterday. A feature of his work was the facile way in which mystery followed mystery. His work was so neat that he kept his audience in a state of real bewilderment. An "Astral Hand" brought messages from the "spirit world." The "sex-magician" kept a thrifty audience susceptible with a remarkable variety of humor from lemonade to "guaranteed champagne," but much to the chagrin of those who had imbibed, it was found on being broken to contain a live guinea pig, which was itself a little later mercifully transformed into a bunch of flowers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MARINE COURTS OF INQUIRY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—An old "saw" gives us to understand that "a man must be tried by his peers."

In your account of the trial of a local Marine Engineer on Friday last, I notice that the Court was composed of the Harbour Master as Chairman, with two Naval Officers and three Mercantile Marine Masters as Assessors, the three latter being confederates—so to speak—of the prosecutor.

Can you or any of your many readers say whether the Court so constituted was correct?

If you look back your old files of about ten years ago you will find the case of Pritchard v. Smith in which (Marine Court) one of the Assessors was an Engineer of an Engineering Firm in Kowloon. That Court found in favour of the prosecutor (master) and consequently the defendant (chief engineer) was punished. The Marine Engineers' Guild of China forced a new trial and the former engineer assessor—who had not been to sea for some twenty years or more—was replaced by an active engineer with the result that the first Court's sentence had to be considerably reduced, which meant that accused had his certificate returned, him almost immediately.

Why, in this case under consideration was not an Engineer or two asked to help the Chairman adjudicate—Yours, etc.

JUSTICE.

Hongkong, April 28th.

The Ordinance provides that "Where any investigation involves or appears to involve any question as to the cancellation or suspension of the certificate of a master, mate or engineer, the Court shall include not less than two members having experience in the merchant service." It does not say that when engineers are to be tried there shall be one or more engineers on the bench, though if the case involved any question as to the authority of an engineer as against the authority of the master, which was the feature in the case of Pritchard v. Smith, one would naturally expect to find the engineering branch represented in the constitution of the Court. In the case tried on Friday, however, no dispute of this character appeared to be involved, and no defence of his conduct was offered by the defendant.—Ed.]

DISORDERLY SEAMEN.

FESTIVE DUTCHMEN'S SABBATH NIGHT OUT.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters, at the Central Magistracy yesterday four Dutch seamen were charged on two counts, first with disorderly conduct, and secondly, with assaulting a police officer.

The defendants were K.K. Brunner, third officer of the s.s. *Tjikini*; H. Tobber, third officer of the s.s. *Tjikandur*; I. K. Van Dorne, second engineer of the s.s. *Tjikandur*; and J. Stolk, fourth engineer of the s.s. *Tjikandur*.

Inspector Leung said that at 9 o'clock on Sunday night the driver of a motor-car came to the charge-room and complained that four men had taken his car from the Hongkong Hotel to No. 51, Hollywood Road, and had then refused to pay the fare. Immediately afterwards a coolie came to the charge-room and complained that four men were damaging things at No. 51, Hollywood Road. Sergeant Meadows went there, arriving just as the defendants were coming out of the house. One of the defendants paid the driver of the car for its hire, and the Sergeant then requested the men to accompany him to the Central Station, as he wished to make inquiries. They refused, but later went. The Sergeant asked one of the men to come into the charge-room, and the man offered obstruction and his companions came to his assistance. Other police officers came and with their assistance the men were taken to the charge-room.

It was later ascertained that the defendants had already compensated the occupiers of the house for the damage they had done there.

His Worship fined defendants \$10 each, s.e., \$5 on each charge.

RESISTING SEARCH CHARGE. DEFENDANT DISCHARGED WITH A CAUTION.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. H. R. Butters, Cheung Chiu was charged with resisting search at the entrance to the "Star" Ferry wharf at 12-30 a.m. yesterday morning.

It was stated in evidence that the search was being conducted by Sergeant Dunsey and a picket consisting of a Chinese Detective and an Indian Constable.

The defendant stated that the detective came up to him and said he wanted to search him. He (defendant) asked the detective to show him his hands and afterwards submitted to the search being carried out. Sergeant Dunsey was not near when the search was carried out, but was some distance away.

Defendant was discharged with a caution by His Worship.

GUILTY WATCHMEN.

RETRIBUTION THROUGH SPENT CARTRIDGE.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy, the two Chinese district watchmen, who were arrested by the police last Wednesday and charged with larceny, appeared. One was charged with the theft of money from the person of another Chinese, named Leung Wing; while the second defendant was charged with the larceny of playing cards, and money.

Inspector Shafton conducted the case for the police, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended one of the men.

The evidence showed that the two district watchmen went to No. 4, Moon Street, Wanchai, first floor, where they found five men sitting playing cards. The defendants said they were police, and added that the Inspector would be on the scene in a few minutes. One of them proceeded to collect all the money on the table, and cards, which he put in his pocket, while the other drew his revolver, pointed it at one of the complainants and searched his person, taking from him the sum of \$3.50. By this time the people in the place realised that the Inspector had not arrived, and suspected that the watchmen were not acting in a *bonafide* manner. They were going to attack the defendants on the staircase, when one of the defendants drew his revolver and fired a shot at them. This frightened the others and they ran back into the room. The difficulty that confronted the defendant who had drawn the revolver, was how he could replace the missing round, and in his dilemma he confided in another district watchman. This man reported the matter, and if it had not been for this, the authorities would never have heard of what had occurred.

The defendants' story was that they gave chase to a man whom they suspected of being in possession of arms and followed him to the first floor of No. 4, Moon Street. When they got there they were attacked by 20 or 30 men who threw stools and chairs at them and the revolver was fired in order that they might get away.

In answer to Inspector Shafton, the defendant who fired the revolver said he forgot to report the fact that he had fired his revolver and what had occurred. His Worship convicted both men. Inspector Shafton said he had been instructed by the S.C.A. to ask His Worship to take a serious view of this case. The Inspector pointed out that these district watchmen were placed in a position of great responsibility. It was known that they abused this position, inasmuch as they went round to houses and extorted from people. In this case it practically amounted to an armed robbery. It was very difficult to find these things out, or bring it home to the guilty parties, as the people who were subjected to these things, were afraid to report the matter to the authorities. "If it had not been that one defendant had told a companion about the missing round from his revolver, it would never have been found out."

His Worship sentenced the defendants to six months' hard labour each.

FIRE ESCAPES REMOVED.

CHINESE LANDLORD IN COURT.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday, Lui Wong Huk, owner of 57 and 59, Woosung Street, was summoned at the instigation of the P.W.D. for alleged removal of fire escapes from the above houses.

Mr. A. E. Wright, Executive Engineer in Charge of Works under the Buildings Ordinance, who conducted the case for the authorities, said it was a very serious case, and under the Ordinance defendant, as owner of the property, was responsible. The maximum fine was one of \$100 on each charge.

Mr. A. J. Wadmore, Clerk, P.W.D., said the houses were mentioned in the register as defendant's property. A fire occurred at one of the houses on January 4th.

Defendant said he formerly owned 55, 57, and 59, Woosung Street, but he had sold Nos. 55 and 59 three months before the fire. He sent his workmen to repair No. 57 and they found the fire escape missing. About a week later his tenant Lou Ho Yim brought it back to him.

Lou Ho Yim said the fire escape was taken away by the agent of a Chinese who was going to make adjacent premises into a tenement. The owner was now away but his agent was still in Hongkong. It was from him he had received the fire escape to return it to defendant.

Mr. Hamilton said it would be best for defendant to bring that man to court. Yet, he was responsible and he (His Worship) must find him. If he could get the man who had taken away the fire escape to pay the fine so much the better, but if not, he could take action against him in the Civil Court. The case was remanded until Wednesday morning.

Before Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Holf, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday, three boarding-house coolies were charged with being on board the s.s. *Prominent* without permission. They were found made for a number of men alleged to have been concerned in the theft of picture goods. Four other boarding-house coolies were fined \$25 each, or in default 25 days' imprisonment with hard labour, for being on board the s.s. *Dignity* without permission. A fifth man, who was absent, had his bail of \$25 forfeited.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

HONGKONG BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1924.

The report of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League for presentation at the annual meeting to-night says:—

The total membership is now 120, and, during the last year, eighty-one new members joined the Branch.

We have to record with regret the deaths during the past year of Messrs. W. Armstrong, F. Smyth, Sin Tak Fan and Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe who was for many years our Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. During the year your Committee sent a telegram home strongly urging the retention of the Singapore Base. This was despatched whilst the late Government were in power and we are glad to say the scheme under the present Government is being pushed forward.

Nelson Day was celebrated by your Committee by laying a wreath on the Cenotaph and Wanchai Memorial.

A wreath was also laid on the Nelson Monument in Trafalgar Square, London on behalf of the Hongkong Branch.

We also held a flag day and concert on the October 21st (Nelson Day) in aid of the Overseas Relief Fund, which realized the magnificent sum of £500.

Your Committee made a successful appeal to the local Government regarding the dilapidated state of the Wanchai Memorial and, we are glad to say, orders were given to have the Memorial repaired and its removal to a more suitable place is under consideration and we hope will take place.

Your Committee are glad to report that the local piracy question has received the attention of the home authorities and that during the past few months strong recommendations have been sent home for more protection in the shape of patrols by armed launches.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. A. Bressley and E. F. Aucott for auditing the accounts.

The Committee, consists of Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, (President) Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, Mr. E. F. Aucott, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Lieut. Comdr. C. S. C. Ingham, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. B. Whyte, Mr. L. M. Whyte, (Hon. Sec. & Treas.)

CIGAR TRADE MARKS CASE.

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN SHANGHAI SUPREME COURT.

Judgment in the action brought by Mr. Carl Ingenohl, a Belgian subject, against Messrs. Wing On of Shanghai, a British Company, to restrain the latter from using certain cigar trade marks, was given in the H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on April 22nd, by His Honour, Judge Sir Skinner Turner.

His Lordship said: "This is an important and, in many respects, novel action. It arises out of the war measures taken by the U.S.A. in the Philippine Islands, and considerable consequences are involved. In one aspect, or another of the dispute, the parties have been before the Supreme Court in Hongkong and the Courts (including the Appeal Court) in Manila, and differences of judicial opinion have been shown. The case in Hongkong is reported in 17, Hongkong L.R. 4, (1922), and that judgment is now final; in Manila the Court of Appeal decision has been made (Exh. S.) in this case, and I am told it is under a further appeal. Of course, neither of these decisions is binding upon this Court, but both are to be treated with respect and courtesy which is always shown to the judgments of a foreign Court of competent jurisdiction. In the case before me the position is peculiar: this Court sitting under a treaty with China exercises jurisdiction at the suit of nationals of all countries over British subjects; and we find here a British Company (Wing On Co., Ltd.) as the (nominal) defendants. But the real party to the action is Messrs. Walter Olsen & Co., Inc., an American Company; therefore the plaintiff being a Belgian citizen, this Court is in effect being asked to decide a dispute between a Belgian and an American—neither a subject, save by consent and submission, to the jurisdiction of this Court. And to the jurisdiction of this Court, but it is the real defendant and has, I understand, indemnified the British Company defendants in the matter of costs."

After dealing with the case at great length, His Lordship said in conclusion: "I can see no ground in fact, for the suggestion, that Messrs. Olsen, by legitimately using the labels of the Manila factory, are in any way 'imitating' the labels of the Hongkong factory; they are the proper owners of the labels in the Philippine Islands with the business and reputation attached to them. They in no wise represent to the public that they cover a Hongkong made article; they do not represent to the public that the cigars are made by the Ingenohl firm; they describe themselves, the makers, as the 'Successors' to that firm (a requirement, as I have stated, of American law). And I can see nothing to take, in China, from the lawful owner of the Manila factory protection for the reputation of the products of that factory, which he lawfully acquired nor to give protection to the products of the Hongkong factory at the expense of the Manila factory. I therefore give judgment for defendants. The action was accordingly dismissed, with costs against the plaintiff."

DR. SCHURMAN SAYS GOODBYE.

U.S. MINISTER'S CHEERFUL VIEW OF CHINA'S RELATIONS.

In their paying their last farewell to Dr. J. G. Schurman, former American Minister to Peking but now Ambassador-designate to Germany, the American business community at Shanghai gathered at 11 a.m. on the 18th inst. at the American Club. Dr. S. A. Ransom, President of the American Association, presided. Others at the speaker's table included:—Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham, U.S. Consul-General, Messrs. D. D. Fairman, V. G. Lyman, A. E. Schumacher, C. S. Franklin, W. R. Rice, Dr. W. T. Findley and Major Bassett. The guests numbered 200 and filled both the dining room and the assembly room.

Dr. Ransom, in introducing Dr. Schurman, remarked that the Minister had played an important rôle in the diplomatic channels for the past four years, and though he was going to a much more important position, Americans in China regretted to lose his able services.

Touching the relations between America and China, Dr. Schurman stated that in his travels throughout China—he had visited most parts of the country—he was greatly impressed by the friendly feeling that existed on the whole between the respective nationals. As a matter of fact, there was a differentiation between Americans and foreigners. He then told the story of the answer Mr. Roy Anderson received from a Chinese to the question, whether a certain gentleman was a foreigner—the answer being "No, he is an American."

CHINESE DESIRE FOR HELP.

"I am absolutely convinced," continued the speaker, "that the Chinese do appreciate foreign enterprises in China and that we have the hearty sympathy of the great mass of Chinese in our efforts to exchange the fruits of our separate civilizations. Moreover, I believe America to-day has the enviable distinction of being closer to the real heart of China than any other people and it should be the duty of every man and woman in this country to stimulate and encourage that feeling to the utmost."

The speaker paid a tribute to the missionaries and educators who have laboured in China for nearly a century, their work in the midst of a danger, not unknown to them, proving their sincerity and zeal. This class of people are the greatest single influence in China, Dr. Schurman went on to say, in the promotion of the moral, intellectual and commercial betterment of the Chinese, in the way that the foreigner thinks.

ANTI-FOREIGN AND OTHERWISE.

Referring to the anti-foreign movement, Dr. Schurman belittled the idea that the Chinese as a unit were opposed to Westerners. There was, however, he continued, a class of radicals who were agitating, but in his opinion they did not represent China, nor could they really cause serious damage to American ideas of culture.

"The foreign schools, however," Dr. Schurman went on to say, "must maintain a higher standard than any other, because it is only in that way that they will be able to attract patronage. The real China wants our help along educational lines, the best proof of which is the fact that they continue to pay the tuition charges asked by our schools, exactly as they purchase our merchandise. We cannot force our schools upon them any more than we can force them to buy our goods. They will continue to follow these lines as long as our schools are superior."

THE PRESENT CRISIS.

With reference to the present unstable condition of the Chinese Government, with province against province, and with tuchun fighting tuchun, and with a figurehead in Peking, Dr. Schurman declared that in his opinion China would find herself. The citizens of this republic, he added, were industrious and thrifty and were thoroughly founded in the principles of government. They had had great problems in the past and come through them all right. They would, in his opinion, find a way out of the present difficulties.

That China would one day play a great and important part in world politics was, in Dr. Schurman's opinion, a fact that could not be denied by thinking men and women. Here were to be found roughly one third of the world's population, people who were crying aloud for the thought and science of the Western Hemisphere. They were being taught and were learning very rapidly, and, with their quick assimilation of the industrial and scientific developments of the rest of the universe, could be counted upon for a great deal in the Pacific.

THE OPEN DOOR.

In his closing remarks Dr. Schurman laid stress on the statement of John Hay, former Secretary of State, who formulated the American policy of the Open Door in China. "Whoever understands China, has the key to the world's political situation for the next 5,000 years." The American interests would be crowned with success, if the mutual good feeling continued, while the pursuance of kindly relations by all could mean the advancement of American prestige in China.

Dr. Schurman went on board the str. *President Jackson* on Saturday evening, April 18th, but before doing so, was the guest at a short reception by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. A Chinese military band furnished music at the wharf.

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Closing Dates at the Pavilion for Other Events will be Advertised Later.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at **HAPPY VALLEY** on **SATURDAY, 2nd MAY, 1925**, commencing at 3 p.m.

The First Race will be Run at 2.30 p.m. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LEBLANC & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 1st MAY.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

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NOTICE.

Re WONG CHEE CHAI,
Alias WONG PUI,
Alias WONG LOK SING TONG,
Deceased.

ALL Persons, Companies, Corporations and/or Firms who have not received Direct Communication on the Matter are Requested to give Notice to the Undersigned of any Money, Share, Securities or any other Assets which they may have held on behalf of the above-named Deceased on the 13th February, 1923, and/or at the present time, and also Notice of any Claims which they may have against the Deceased.

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S.S. "COMMISSAIRE RAMEL."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 4th May, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 6th May, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 2nd May, 1925, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSEE,
Agent,
Hongkong, 26th April, 1925. [2148]

S.S. "AMBOISE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

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YACHTING.

"TREVESA TROPHY."

THE FIRST BIENNIAL RACE will take place **TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON**, the 29th INSTANT, Commencing at 4 P.M. From CHANNEL ROCKS. Visitors are Cordially Invited and a Launch will leave BLAKE PIER at 3 P.M. for the Use of Anyone wishing to be Present.

A. W. TICKLE,
Hon. Secretary.
R.E.K.Y.C.
[2127]

THE HONGKONG TUG & LIGHTER CO., LTD.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on **THURSDAY, the 7th MAY, 1925**, at 2.30 O'CLOCK P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the period ended 31st March, 1925, and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from Monday, the 4th May, 1925, until Thursday, the 7th May, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 21st April, 1925. [2135]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on **THURSDAY, the 14th MAY, 1925**, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The **SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS** will be **CLOSED** from the 1st to the 14th May, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2146]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Second and Final Call of \$5 per Share on Shares of the New Issue is payable on or before the 1st day of MAY, 1925.

Cheques should be sent addressed to the Company together with Certificates of Title in respect of the First Call, when Fully paid Certificates will be issued.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company in respect of the New Issue of Shares will be **CLOSED** from Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, until Saturday, the 2nd day of May, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares of the New Issue can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 20th April, 1925. [2086]

PRINCE LINE FAR EAST SERVICE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "SIBERIAN PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 21st inst., Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, 25th inst., at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to Rent.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **FURNESS (HAR. EAST), LTD.,** 2nd Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road, Hongkong, Telephone No. 3163. [2134]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY Authorized Mr. C. OFFERSON to Sign for Our Firm in Hongkong Per Procurationem.

JERSEN & CO.,
Chartered and Incorporated Accountants, has been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Incorporated Accountants.
[2143]

NOTICE.

MR. SYDNEY HAMPDEN ROSS, Chartered and Incorporated Accountant, has been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Incorporated Accountants.
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NOTICE.

FROM the 27th DAY of THIS MONTH Our Offices will be located at 2nd Floor of PEDDER-BUILDING, No. 12, PEDDER STREET.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1925. [2140]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "DIOMED" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 27th April.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 18th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1925. [2144]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

Letters are lying at this Office for Boxes—X, Y, Z, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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BIRTHS.

COOPER.—In London, on March 25th, to Dr. and Mrs. M. C. COOPER, a son.

RANKIN.—At Shanghai, on April 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. RANKIN, a son.

DEATH.

MACMILLAN.—At Shanghai, on April 21st, CHRISTINA CUNNINGHAM MACMILLAN, dearly beloved wife of R. S. MACMILLAN.

Hongkong Office: 14, Charter Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 23RD, 1925.

BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS.

The suggestion that the British Government should approach Continental competitor nations with a view to some arrangement under treaty to secure better working conditions on the Continent comes as a reminder that the standard of living in a country depends very much upon the wages paid. The recent cables that we have published concerning the serious position in the British shipbuilding industry, and the concern of statesmen of all parties, as reflected in the home newspapers, leads us to believe that the loss of the contract for five new motor ships has had a very pronounced effect. There is, however, no need to become despondent. The history of the Great War will remind future generations that it is possible to recover losses due to unpreparedness, at the cost of great sacrifice. We can never expect to go back to the old conditions, but it is of some interest to compare the state of affairs in Great Britain to-day with those of 1913. There is much heavier taxation, higher transport rates and higher cost of production. Competition is ever so much keener.

Although huge figures often convey very little meaning to those who are unused to dealing in large sums, it is obvious that the increase in the National Debt from 2674 millions in 1913 to 27,772 millions in 1924, must affect the taxpayer. In actual fact the national expenditure is four times the pre-war figure. In his recent Presidential Address to the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, Mr. ARTHUR MACKIN suggested that over-taxation and high cost of production were the great causes of the difficulties causing so much concern to those connected with British industry. He did not think that any good would result from world conferences of industrialists. It seems difficult to believe that other countries will agree to have a certain minimum wage for workers because the standard in Great Britain has gone up during the last quarter of a century. The spread of knowledge has enormously increased the number of competitors in industries which were commenced in Great Britain. By way of illustration it may be remarked that this is the centenary of the steam locomotive and of Portland cement. Originally the demands for both these commodities were satisfied by Great Britain. Nowadays Portland cement is manufactured all over the world, and there are many countries making locomotives. On the other hand, there is an enormously increased demand for both commodities. But the economic conditions in the various producing countries are by no means equal. We have seen the transformation of Japan and those who know industrial conditions in that country will find it difficult to believe that a world conference concerning wages would bring about any sudden change in the wages paid in Japan. It is a fact that, gradually, wages do rise in countries which change from entirely agricultural conditions, but there is no sudden sympathy in this respect with competitors of other nations.

We recently commented on the admirable speech made by the British Prime Minister, in which he begged for peace and goodwill between capital and labour. It seems almost certain that, in these industrial matters, each nation must work out its own salvation. We are not at all sanguine about the result of a conference to arrange better working conditions in Europe. It is a fact that, each year, a number of skilled mechanics emigrate from Great Britain to the United States, because they expect to have better working conditions. It is impossible to imagine, in this generation at any rate, standard wages for fitters or shipyard workers all over the world. A great, and it seems a real cause of discontent, is the relatively high wages paid for unskilled labour in Great Britain. Skilled artisans, such as carpenters and mechanics, obtain less than tramway conductors and very little more than the sweepers of streets employed by Municipalities. It certainly does seem that, the incentive to become a skilled workman has been diminished by the endeavour to raise the standard of life for the unskilled. So far as international standards are concerned, committees appointed by the League of Nations are already engaged in trying to promote them. In theory we all desire to see a continual improvement in the living conditions of the poor in all countries. We cannot, however, expect any nation to move rapidly. Reforms in such matters must be the result of public opinion within each country. There are certain laws of life, which will always remain. One is that we must earn our bread by the sweat of our brow. We are always "up against" the stimulus of competition. It has its uses as well as its disadvantages.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 11th amounted to 74,193 tons, and the sales to 56,214 tons.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 48 hours ended on April 19th shows 1 case each of small-pox and cerebro-spinal fever, both Chinese.

At the annual competition held by the Girl Guides' Association on Saturday, April 25th, the Prince of Wales' Banner was won by the 2nd Kowloon (Diocesan School) Company.

The Governor-General of Indo-China has presented to Mr. H. S. Kavarana of Canton, a medal in appreciation of his services as a member of the Municipal Council of the French Concession and more especially for his valuable services to the French police for so many years. Mr. G. de la Prade, the French Consul, handed Mr. Kavarana the medal and certificate with suitable compliments.

Mr. J. Williams, who has just been appointed manager of Shanghai's Majestic Hotel, has for many years been connected with the management of leading hotels at Home and in the Far East. For three years he was the manager of the Imperial Hotel, Tientsin, and subsequently held a similar post at the Georgian Hotel, Piccadilly, from which he resigned to join the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels a year ago.

WEDDING.

PROULX-SIMMONS.

A pretty wedding took place at the Church of St. Joseph yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Florence Alice Simmons, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Simmons, of Hongkong, and Mr. Albert Proulx, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Proulx, of Ottawa, Canada.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of silver brocade, with veil trimmed with silver, and carried a bouquet of lilies and roses. The bridesmaids were Misses Gertrude and Kathleen Simmons (sisters of the bride) who wore frocks of blue accordion-pleated georgette, trimmed with gold, with hats to match, and carried bouquets of pink roses. Mrs. Simmons, the bride's mother, wore a dress of henna crepe-de-chine, trimmed with figured crepe-de-chine. Mr. F. P. Lanfesty was "best man."

Following the ceremony, which was conducted by Father Reganti, a reception took place at the Carlton Hotel, after which the couple left to go on board the s.s. *President McKinley* for Shanghai, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The bride's going away dress was of tangerine plente georgette, with hat to match.

"HONGKONG OFFENDED."

MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S NEW BOOK.

Under the heading "Hongkong Offended," the *China Express and Telegraph* (London) publishes the following:—

The path of rectitude is not too easy to follow now-a-days for many of us, and even that most harmless of individuals, the novelist is liable at times to strike a snag. Mr. Somerset Maugham has just had the experience with his new novel, "The Painted Veil," his particular snag being the Government of Hongkong. The case has probably established a precedent, and while Mr. Somerset Maugham has been put to the trouble and expense of altering and deleting his work, Hongkong has got a certain amount of cheap publicity in places where they write. No doubt some time will elapse ere Mr. Somerset Maugham or any other writer ventures to lay the scene of his effort in a Colony which is so particular about trifles. It appears that one of Mr. Somerset Maugham's characters in "The Painted Veil," the scene of which is laid in Hongkong, was assigned an office and a title which actually exist under the Government of that Colony.

The world's fiction libraries contain hundreds of books with references to every Government in the world, but Hongkong is the first to raise an objection. In an interview to the *Evening Standard* Mr. Somerset Maugham said, "It would be altogether different were the official in question a real official—a man who lived and had being—but he is an entirely imaginary person; as if he had been an official of Ruritania or some other fictitious country." Hongkong won't like the ally dig about Ruritania, but the whole affair is, to say the least, comical. Happily for Mr. Somerset Maugham and his publishers the references to the official in Hongkong only cover a few pages.

It is to be hoped that in making the alterations the author will not have the experience of a brother writer who, being just in time to alter an imaginary title, discovered to his dismay that the new one he invented to take its place was adopted by a newly elevated peer on the day before his book came out.

GERMANY'S NEW PRESIDENT.

MARSHAL VON HINDENBURG ELECTED.

SURPRISING RESULTS AT POLLS.

ATTITUDE OF WORLD PRESS.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PRESIDENCY OF GERMANY.
MARSHAL VON HINDENBURG
IS ELECTED.

London, April 27th.
As a result of the Presidential election, the Seven Per Cent. German Loan, which opened in London at 98.1/2 to 97 1/2—about two points lower than Friday's quotation.

BRITISH PRESS SURPRISED.

London, April 27th.
Though most papers managed to issue a "stop Press" of Reuter's announcement of Marshal von Hindenburg's election there has not been time for considered comment, beyond headlines expressing astonishment at the result of Cologne's turnover to the Rhineland. It is most noteworthy that Marshal von Hindenburg nearly equalled Dr. Marx at Düsseldorf, ran him closer still at Solingen and secured a heavy increase at Cologne.

At the first election the aggregates were:

Right Party 11,988,000 votes
Left Party 12,410,000 votes
Communists 1,885,000 votes

Then it was recognised that many defections from the Democrats would prove the determining factor.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

Paris, April 27th.
The election of Marshal von Hindenburg has caused a sensation and surprise in Paris.

Paris correspondents of newspapers in Berlin attribute the result to women voting en masse for "Our Father Hindenburg."

Le Matin says the election will cause a tremendous distrust of Germany in France and it will be most difficult for M. Poincaré to urge in the Chamber a rapprochement with the Reich.

Le Journal says that any foreigner witnessing the German Nationalist manifestations during the past twenty-four hours, can hardly believe in the pacific sentiments of Germany.

L'Echo de Paris asserts that the election shows that the mentality of the German people is unchanged. There can no longer be any question of a mutual guarantee treaty.

L'Ere Nouvelle states that Germany is rolling down the gradient, at the bottom of which lies the abyss of empire and revenge.

PREMIER'S HARD TASK.

Paris, April 27th.
An article in *Le Matin* states that the situation, created by Marshal von Hindenburg's election, will prejudice Germany especially, as it will be impossible for any French Premier to advocate reconciliation with Germany.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S VIEW.

London, April 27th.
Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed, said that the election of Marshal von Hindenburg was inevitable after the Ruhr and Cologne pinprick policy. He did think the election would profoundly affect German policy.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE]

WASHINGTON IS SILENT.

Official circles are not surprised at the election of Marshal von Hindenburg, though officials refuse to comment on the result.

AMERICAN PRESS VIEWS.

New York, April 27th.
The New York Press generally views the result as the hero-worship of a military leader.

The *Herald-Tribune* states Germany is again turning towards defiance, obstruction and isolation. The paper warns the rest of the world to be on its guard.

The New York *Times* asserts that enthusiasm has swept aside sound arguments, based on Marshal von Hindenburg's age and the suspicion of his Royalist leanings. The early restoration of the Hohenzollerns is not likely, but the election will serve as a cover, behind which the Kaiser could return. Nevertheless this would be running an enormous risk, by inviting unsettlement at home and distrust abroad.

Senator Borah, interviewed, said he did not think the election would necessarily be disturbing. He did not believe the talk that Germany was preparing for another war.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VON HINDENBURG ELECTED.

BERLIN, April 26th.

Marshal von Hindenburg has been elected President of Germany.

In drizzling rain, polling all over the country has been heavier than on March 29th. A few collisions between rival sections are reported, but none serious. The only signs of enthusiasm in the

capital is displayed by boys and youths dashing along the streets in motor lorries waving flags and cheering Marshal von Hindenburg or Dr. Marx.

PUBLIC TENSION INCREASES.

Public tension is apparently increasing as the results of the polling appear. Strong police patrols have been posted everywhere.

The first three Berlin stations gave Dr. Marx a fifty per cent. majority, but later eight combined Berlin districts show Marshal von Hindenburg 10,064, Dr. Marx 8,532, and Herr Thaelmann 418,000.

Later.

At nine in the evening Dr. Marx had 1,594,000; Marshal von Hindenburg 1,377,000 and Herr Thaelmann 251,000.

At ten in the evening Marshal von Hindenburg had 2,556,000; Dr. Marx 2,482,000, and Herr Thaelmann 418,000.

The foregoing includes the figures from Marshal von Hindenburg's stronghold, East Prussia.

Later.

At ten thirty Marshal von Hindenburg had polled 3,982,000 votes and Dr. Marx 3,733,000.

At eleven the position was:—Marshal von Hindenburg 4,900,000; Dr. Marx 7,100,000.

NOT ALL COUNTED.

About fifteen million votes have yet to be counted. Approximately eighty-five per cent. of the electors have voted.

The midnight results from twenty electoral districts of a total of thirty-five give Marshal von Hindenburg 8,083,000; Dr. Marx 7,991,000; and Herr Thaelmann 970,000.

At twelve-thirty the results in twenty-seven districts were:—Marshal von Hindenburg, 11,308,000; Dr. Marx, 10,112,000; and Herr Thaelmann, 1,310,000.

Later.

The unofficial final figures are:—Marshal von Hindenburg, 14,639,000; Dr. Marx, 13,740,000; Herr Thaelmann, 1,790,000.

The figures for Berlin are:—Dr. Marx, 854,000; Marshal von Hindenburg, 385,000; Herr Thaelmann, 145,000.

FIRST OFFICIAL FIGURES.

The official provisional figures show that 30,346,000 votes were polled.

Marshal von Hindenburg secured 14,639,000.

Dr. Marx, 13,732,000.

Herr Thaelmann, 1,932,000.

RIOTING NEAR KARLSRUHE.

Two persons were killed and others were injured in rioting in connection with the Presidential election near Karlsruhe.

A Nationalist crowd tried to storm the town hall of Katibor, in Silesia, and collided with the police. There were many arrests.

Voting shows that Marshal von Hindenburg led in Pomerania, East Prussia and Bavaria, whilst Dr. Marx led in Berlin, the Rhineland and the Ruhr. At Cologne there was unprecedented excitement and heavy polling. Marshal von Hindenburg's party were very active. There is a great turnover in the Rhineland, which is the stronghold of Dr. Marx.

LATEST CABLES.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

PEN PUT THROUGH NAME OF

THE FAVOURITE.

LONDON, April 27th.

Picaron, the favourite, has been scratched for the Two Thousand Guineas, to be run at Newmarket on Wednesday. The pen was put through his name at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

LATEST CABLES.

MYSTERY OF A TAXICAB.

DEAD MAN MISTAKEN FOR NOTORIOUS NAMESAKE.

LONDON, April 27th.

It is now definitely established that the body of the man Newton found shot in a taxicab and mentioned earlier is not that of the witness in the "A" case, though the papers found on the body bore the same name.

THE FIRST REPORT.

LONDON, April 27th.

The dead body of Mr. Montague Noel Newton, the principal figure in the notorious Mr. "A" case, was found inside a taxicab at Bloomsbury, last evening. Death was due to shooting.

ANTHROPOID APES.

INDIA URGED TO SEARCH SHIVALIK HILLS.

ORIGIN OF HUMAN RACE?

SIMLA, April 27th.

Dr. Alex. Hrdlicka, the famous American anthropologist and the Curator of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, who came to India to examine the discovery of five different species of fossils of anthropoid apes in the Shivalik Hills, in an address here, urged India to take up seriously the re-search of these hills, which he thought contained important evidence of the origin of the human race.

The scientific world, he said, was looking to these hills to add to its knowledge. He felt that it was established by finds already made that man's origin was these anthropoid apes; and that only the brain had developed and changed during the past half a million years; and it would be the brain again which would in future determine the change in man half a million years hence. All human races, including African negroes and whites had the same origin, but the difference in intellectual development made it impossible for them to be equal.

India, if she developed intellectually, at great strides could catch up the White races.

Dr. Alex. Hrdlicka hopes to return to America in October, after visiting Java, Australia and South Africa.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE.

FOUR NEW SEAPLANES NOW UNDER ORDER.

MELBOURNE, April 27th.

The Minister of Defence confirms the report that the Australian Air Force is ordering four seaplanes, which will cost approximately £8,000 sterling each.

The "Seagull" amphibian type of machine has been adopted, in order to obviate the necessity of establishing a seaplane base at Sydney.

PARIS TO NEW YORK.

FRENCH TO ATTEMPT FLIGHT WITHOUT STOPPING.

PARIS, April 27th.

Le Matin announces that the French Naval Air Corps are constructing a giant hydroplane with a motor of 550 horsepower. The machine is being built with a view to attempting a non-stop flight from Paris to New York—Hansa.

EARLIER CABLES.

SOVIET AND IRELAND.

GIFT FOR STARVING WORKERS FROM RED CROSS.

RIGA, April 26th.

A message from Moscow states that the Soviet Red Cross is sending £500 to the starving workers in Ireland.

ELECTION AT AMIENS.

M. KLOTZ IS RETURNED TO THE SENATE.

AMIENS, April 26th.

Ex-Minister Klotz, Radical-Socialist, was elected to the Senate by 97 votes against 127 votes polled by M. Gradel, Republican, and 111 by M. Thierry, Socialist.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE OUTRAGE AT SOFIA.

CROWN COUNSEL TELLS OF PLANS THAT FAILED.

SOFIA, April 26th.

As a result of confessions of the accomplices, the Counsel for the Crown stated that it had been established that besides the Cathedral outrage the Agrarian Communists had planned several other attempts in Sofia and in the provinces, including attacks in the Subraje and central posts and telegraphs offices, but that the plans had not materialised owing to the stern measures of the military authorities.

It is estimated that 200,000,000 levs are needed to repair the Cathedral and to relieve the injured and families of the dead.

LATEST CABLES.

ACCUSATION AGAINST SERBS.

LONDON, April 27th.

Lieut. Col. Cecil Lestrang Malone, M.P., interview by the *Daily Herald* says that the Labourite Mission was informed at Sofia that the Bulgarian Government had proofs that the Cathedral outrage was planned and organised in Serbia; and it believed that the Serbian Government was at least indirectly responsible.

M. Schober, Austrian Chief of Police, told Colonel Malone at Vienna that all police departments in Europe had agreed on a general roundup of Communists in the very near future.

YUGO-SLAVIA'S ATTITUDE.

BELGRADE, April 27th.

After the British, French and Italian Ministers had informed the Government that the Conference of Ambassadors had agreed to Bulgaria's temporarily increasing her militia, the Yugo-Slav Cabinet met. It decided to confine itself to demanding the strict fulfilment of the clause in the Ambassadors' decision, providing for demobilisation of the new levy at the end of May.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES.

MR. KELLOGG FAVOURS U.S.A. JOINING TRIBUNAL.

WASHINGTON, April 26th.

Addressing delegates of the American Society of International Law, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg (Secretary of State) declared that he heartily favoured America's participation in an international tribunal for the settlement of international disputes.

EXCHANGE STABILISER.

ALLEGED AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONDON AND NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON, April 26th.

It is reported that the agreement between the New York Federal Reserve Bank with the Bank of England, to take £ sterling bills in the open market as an exchange stabiliser is regarded by many officials as tantamount to placing the New York bank's gold reserve behind the £. It is agreed that this will inevitably aid British efforts to maintain a gold basis.

Mr. C. E. Nissen, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, said that the Board had not been advised of the reported agreement, but an agreement could be negotiated by the bank without reference to Washington, and that there was no reason why the bank should not help the movement.

NOTED SPORTING FIGURE DEAD.

MR. HARRY TAGG, OF EAST MOLESLEY, SURREY, WHO DIED RECENTLY, WAS FOR MANY YEARS A FAMILIA FIGURE IN THE DISTRICT, AND CAME OF A WELL-KNOWN FAMILY OF BOAT-BUILDERS AND WATERMEN WHICH HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN CONNECTED WITH EAST MOLESLEY AND HAMPTON COURT.

He started life from a modest position, but developed an exceptional business acumen and, at the time of his death, was the proprietor of "Tagg's Island," so well known to frequenters of the river at Hampton Court, for many years, and also owned Tagg's Hotel at Hampton Court bridge, which, at the end of the last century, was in great favour with members of the theatrical profession, who ran a four-in-hand there daily from Pricedilly-circus. The Old Surrey hounds also used often to meet there in the days before the district was so extensively built over. Mr. Tagg was himself no mean horseman, and was a whip of considerable ability.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

MR. KENTWELL ACQUITTED.

HEARING OF ALLEGED FORGERY CASE ENDS.

BRITISH BARRISTER CLEARED.

SHANGHAI, April 27th.

After four days' hearing, the case in which Mr. Lawrence K. Kentwell, barrister-at-law, practising in Shanghai, was charged with possessing and uttering forged bank-notes of the Bank of Communications, was concluded this afternoon.

The jury, after being absent 30 minutes, returned a verdict of "not guilty" and Mr. Kentwell was acquitted.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ACQUITTED ON BOTH COUNTS.

SHANGHAI, April 27th.

The well-known barrister, Mr. Lawrence Kentwell who was indicted, in the British Supreme Court before His Honour Judge Sir Skinner Turner, on two charges of being in possession of and uttering forged bank-notes, was acquitted by the jury this afternoon on both counts.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

M. KARAKHAN IS ILL.

MAY BE COMPELLED TO REFUSE DOYENSHIP.

PEKING, April 26th.

It is understood that M. Karakhan is highly gratified with the Diplomatic Corps' offer to become doyen, in which Moscow has approved, but it is stated that M. Karakhan's health is not very good, and he may leave China soon.

In view of the likelihood of the Japanese Legation being raised to an Embassy shortly, there will be a Japanese doyen before long.

OBITUARY.

TIENTSIN'S LOYAL CONSTABLE.

TIENTSIN, April 26th.

The death has occurred here of Chan Pao Hang, the only policeman who remained loyal to the Municipal Council during the Boxer rising. As a reward the Council ordered that he was never to be discharged.

THE FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD.

DEPARTURE OF CHINESE COMPETITORS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A party of 30 athletes, composed of 15 boys, 8 girls, and 7 officers, making up the Canton contingent of the National Delegation to the Far Eastern Olympiad, departed for Shanghai on board the s.s. *Amboise*, which sailed from Hongkong yesterday. It is necessary for contingents from the various parts of China to participate in a preliminary competition at Shanghai so as to eliminate those who are unlikely to qualify in the final contests at Manila on May 16th next. Mr. Hui Man Fai, a physical director of the Canton Y.M.C.A., assisted by Mr. Yau Kie Cheong and Mr. Kwong Ping Kong, is in charge of the athletes. The eight girls are candidates for the basketball and volleyball teams to represent China. Most of the girls are from the True Light School, of the American Presbyterian Mission in Canton.

BOXER INDEMNITY BILL.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S POWERS.

A Standing Committee of the House of Commons, presided over by Sir Robert Hamilton, on March 31st considered the China Indemnity (Application) Bill, which seeks to provide that any sum received after December 1st, 1923, in account of the Boxer Indemnity, shall be applied to educational or other purposes, beneficial to the mutual interests of China or Great Britain. The measure proposes that the purposes to which the money is to be applied shall be determined by the Foreign Secretary, after consultation with an advisory committee which shall include at least one woman and one citizen of the Chinese Republic.

A long debate took place on an amendment moved by Mr. Fossenden to confine the application of the money to the educational and cultural purposes.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the amendment would only hamper the advisory committee, which might be relied on to exercise its discretion in the direction both nations would desire. Later he proposed to move an amendment which would have the effect of increasing the membership of the advisory committee from ten to eleven, in order to give power to add to the Chinese element.

The amendment was rejected by twenty-six votes to five, and the Committee adjourned.

SHANGHAI DRUG ADDICTS.

WELL-KNOWN DOCTOR TO OPEN A HOSPITAL.

The following correspondence was recently exchanged between Dr. W. E. O'Hara and the Shanghai Municipal Council:

Shanghai, March 19th, 1925.

Dear Sir.—It is my intention, if the Council approve, to open a Hospital for the treatment of narcotic addicts amongst the Chinese. From my observations I find that many opium smokers are anxious to give up the habit and they can only be helped if put in an institution and put under close observation. I propose opening such place with a fully qualified resident British doctor in the hospital and a fully qualified nurse. I would act as visiting Physician and attend at the hospital daily. Such institutions are in existence all over the world and are doing much good in the treatment of such cases. They exist in London and New York and are recognized by the authorities. As the latest advance in treatment condemns the immediate cutting off of the drug as dangerous to the patient it is necessary for a time to allow a certain quantity of the drug before a cure can be effected, and I intend keeping records of all cases including the amounts of drugs given to each patient. These records will be open for inspection if necessary. I have outlined my ideas to Dr. Davis and my scheme meets with his approval. I would like to have the sanction of the Council to the opening of this Hospital. Trusting for an early reply, I am, Yours truly,

Wm. E. O'Hara, F.R.C.S., Ed.

E. S. B. Rowe, Esq., Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Chamber, Shanghai, April 14th, 1925.

Sir.—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 6th, in which you express the intention, subject to the Council's approval, of opening a Hospital for the treatment of narcotic addicts amongst the Chinese.

In reply, I am directed, in view of the arrangements you propose to make for medical attention to the patients, and having regard to the records you propose to keep of the cases treated and of the quantities of drugs administered in each case, to convey to the Council's approval to the institution of the Hospital.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

E. S. B. Rowe, Secretary.

Dr. W. E. O'Hara, F.R.C.S., Ed.

MANILA RAILROAD.

ECHO OF SPANISH RULE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

An echo, perhaps the last, of Spanish rule in the Philippines, makes itself heard in the report of the Manila Railroad Company, which was issued recently. The railroad was built with British capital and was for many years run by a British company; now, however, it is just a holding and not an operating concern, and derives its revenues solely from some five and a half million pounds worth of investments in the Manila Railroad Company of the Philippines, the latter being an American concern.

It appears that when the administration of the Philippines was taken over by the Americans twenty-five years ago, the ousted Spanish authorities owed the railroad company a small sum for services rendered, this amounting to approximately \$46,000. In the hope that some day the money might be recovered, the debt was carried in the company's books. Various attempts were made to recover it, but without result, and now, it seems, the company has decided to write it off as a loss. What was thought to be a favourable opportunity of pressing the company's claim against the Spanish Government arose during the past year and the chairman, accompanied by Mr. H. L. Higgins, who was until 1917 the company's general manager in Manila, went out to Madrid for this purpose.

There they found the prospect of making any recovery so slight that, on their advice, the directors decided that to incur further expense in connection with the claim would be folly. The meeting of the Company is to be held on April 15th, and shareholders will await with some interest the details of the visit and the reasons given for the decision. A more cheerful item of information in the Company's report is that a tour of inspection by the late general manager showed that the railway property was being maintained efficiently.

It is a long time since information of the condition of the railway, which forms the security for the whole of the company's investments, was directly obtained by a representative of the company. Consequently, so satisfactory a report by one who is so well qualified by personal association with the railroad in the past must be very gratifying to those concerned.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

A Chinese was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday for having stolen on Sunday \$18 in money, a pair of spectacles and a knife, from the quarters of Jamadar Chajja Singh, 1st Pack Battery, at Whitefield Barracks.

Two young Filipinos were sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, for stowing away on board the s.s. *President McKinley* from Manila. Defendants said that they wanted to go to America to study. His Worship said he must make an example of them, and sentenced them as stated.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMAUX.)

Paris, March 30th.

Plain and plain tulle, crepe satin, bassinet, foulard prints and printed chiffon and georgette are the materials figuring most in afternoon gowns destined for Spring wear. Printed chiffons and georgettes are particularly in evidence for young girls' frocks and very charmingly they make up. Although the latest possible effects are obtained, flowers are not being used a great deal, the general air of lightness being obtained by means of widths shirred at the top and inlets at intervals round the waist, square widths inlets by one corner in the same way and pleats.

WEAVING—RIBBONS.

There was never a season, either, floating ribbons were used to such an extent (generally, with the dresses of printed chiffon or georgette that are so popular, the principal colours found in the designs are repeated in ribbons that hang from the waist, the shoulder, the neckline of the sleeves. With the simpler types of dresses carried out in crepe or tulle materials, very often a simple method of trimming consisted in tuck one or two strands of ribbon in harmonising shades round the neck and let the ends hang down each side. Bows of narrow ribbon with long hanging ends finish off the high necks of tailored blouses; bows of narrower ribbon with ends finished with fantastic bobs dangle from the cuffs of sleeves whilst long streamers shoot out from underneath the lapels of light Spring coats. It is certainly going to be a season of airy lightness and youthful fancies. There are two kinds of evening gowns figuring in the new Spring collections, and in this Dame Fashion is showing herself in a kindly mood for, whereas a certain type of woman will look ravishing in a certain type of dress, all those of other types will look perfect in theirs. The ruling types can be divided into two classes—those to suit the severe, classic type of woman, and those to suit the petite, fluffy type. In the first class figure the straight or draped creases made of silver or gold lamé; in the second, the billowing frocks made of plain or figured chiffon, mousseline de soie or georgette. Lace of the same colour is employed as a trimming on the latter, although the material is so picturesque that half the time, full panels inset at the side, pleats and circular aprons are relied on more than anything else for effect. A new trimming that looks most effective on the silver and gold lamé dresses is silver mesh and fringe. This combines in perfect proportion an effect of brilliance with that of classic severity and is therefore just what dresses in this material and of this type demand to set them off. The broadcloth coat will be worn a great deal during the early Spring when the days are still chilly enough, despite the appearance of a kindly sun for a warmish coat to be welcome acquisition. To take away a little from their too-dull look, the latest idea is to decorate them with a cut-out design through which is shown a coloured foundation. In this way, a Spring-like effect is obtained with a material that affords all the warmth necessary for chilly days.

Flowers as a decoration for evening frocks is an old idea launched in a new form this season. Flowers made of chiffon or mousseline de soie are chosen and these are seen in their most gigantic form. There are varied ways of using them. One is to add a series of gathered panels round a skirt and to finish off the ends of each one of these with one or more of these flowers, according to the width of the panels and the size of the flower. Another is to add a circular Bouquet to the skirt and completely cover this with flowers. It is rare to see flowers of a contrasting colour decorating a dress in this way, usually tones to harmonise being chosen. Naturally, flowers which lend themselves best to enlargement are chosen in preference to others—roses, peonies, water-lilies, chrysanthemums and dahlias. Very often, to match a dress trimmed in this way, a scarf made of mousseline de soie or georgette and finished at the ends with rows of the same flowers as those which figure on the dress, will be added. Tulle scarves are also seen a great deal.

CHINESE INFLUENCE ON STYLE.

There is a Chinese influence to be noted in many of the styles this season. Large, wide sleeves that were never thought of until the arrival of the dandies in coats of the dandies inspired dress designers to emulate them in their creations. Another feature is the prevalence of Chinese embroidery on many of the coats and coat frocks, faithful not only as to design but in the use of bright coloured silks and metallic threads with which they are carried out. Another note that has made its appearance with the new light Spring jackets for wear with the tailored suits, is that of the band which finishes the tulle at the neck rather than the collar in perfect imitation of the simple band that finishes the Mandarin coats. This possesses advantages other than those of being new, for it is a line that is decidedly youthful and becoming, and for these important reasons has come to be one of the accepted lines of the season. It is to be seen in all the short jackets that accompany the light tailors' modes of the day as well as in the light pull-on coats for wear on chilly days. With bobbed heads and shingled locks almost a universal fashion, head bands have come to be looked upon not so much as one of the accessories as one of the necessities of life. It is easy enough to keep fluffy or curly hair in place after it has been shorn, but trying in the anguish of the maid with straight, sleek locks when she endeavours to keep all the wisps that will stray-out, in place. For these, therefore, hair bands have been created, hands made on a foundation of net or tulle. They follow closely the shape of the head and keep the hair perfectly in place as well as afford a charming head-dress. The band itself, which is of a dandy shape, is embroidered in beads and studded in imitation stones, or else embroidered in heavy silks, and the net or tulle foundation is scattered with crystal beads of one or many colours so that from a distance it looks as though tiny diamonds or dew drops were sparkling in the hair. These are expensive novelties to buy, but quite easy and inexpensive for the girl with clever fingers to fashion out of old scraps of lame materials, a skin or two of pretty silks and a box or two of beads or imitation pearls.

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DUE TO BLOOD-LUST.

COUNSEL'S STATEMENT IN
DUBLIN MURDER TRIAL.

PASSION FOR SLAYING.

The shooting of a young Jew named Ernest Khan in Dublin, a mystery which has baffled the detectives for nearly 12 months, was the subject of a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court in Dublin, recently, when Ralph Laffan, a motor mechanic, pleaded not guilty to the murder of Khan.

Counsel for the prosecution related how Khan and a friend named Millar left a Jewish club and were called upon to halt by two men, who asked them their religion. They replied that they were Jews, whereupon the men used opprobrious epithets and told them to "Go home to hell out of this." They had scarcely moved before shots rang out. Millar was slightly wounded and Khan fell seriously wounded. Seeing Millar looking over the body of Khan, the men, who had run away, turned round and fired more shots, which did not take effect.

The accused, when identified by Millar after his arrest, challenged the latter, who said: "You are the man, your face has haunted me since that night."

The prisoner admitted everything except that he was the man who fired the shot. He said that he much resembled his brother and that it was a case of mistaken identity. His brother had gone abroad and was not to be found. He said he was the driver of the motor which carried the two men, one of whom was his brother and the other a man named Conroy, both officers in the National Army.

Counsel, continuing, said: "Why was this crime committed? What was the motive?" I desire suggesting a motive in a case like this. I will set it down in one word—blood-lust, the passion for murder that has seized upon certain people in this country who want a stimulant from time to time to keep themselves going.

In the time that we have gone through, and the degradation to which we have fallen, there are people among us wearing uniforms who regard human life as of little value, as a thing of sport, and not knowing who their victims were, and without any quarrel or cause, nothing but passion for blood, took the life of that young man that night and wounded his companion."

The accused, in cross-examination, said that after the murder he asked his brother and Conroy what they were going to do about it. They told him to keep his mouth shut.

The prisoner was found not guilty, and was put back to answer further charges.

ORANGES AND SUNLIGHT.

Remarkable experiments with rats carried out at the Lister Institute throw a new light on the problem of vitamins. Six rats were placed in a cage in a dark room and allowed to consume their full of boiled meat, bread, and water; at the end of a week they were found to have lost half their weight, says the *Manchester Guardian*. Three of the rats were then put in another cage and given nothing but a small portion of an orange on which to sustain themselves; these three rats put on half the weight they had lost. The other three were given sunlight and a little orange, and within a week had regained their full normal weight. "Vitamins," said Dr. Hector Stunro, a Harley Street specialist who has been interested in the experiments, "are nothing more or less than stored sunlight. Metabolism takes place in three stages: intake, repair, and elimination. Sixty per cent. of breakdowns in health are due to the retention in the system of waste products. Light energy meets this condition by stabilising the blood. The rays of light which are most valuable to health are those to the red end of the spectrum. These are caught and held by the fruits of the earth, and are the vitamins of which so much has been heard lately. Oranges and lemons contain a higher percentage of stored sunlight than any other fruits in the world."

LINER THIEF'S \$5,000 HAUL.

A warning has been issued to Transatlantic travellers that the thieves who infest big liners during the tourist season have now begun a fresh campaign. One of their first victims this year is Mrs. Huntington-Wilson, of New York, the wife of an American diplomat, who was robbed of a fur coat and jewels to the value of over \$5,000, while crossing in the *Olympic* to Cherbourg. During the voyage Mrs. Wilson's jewels attracted a good deal of admiration, as did a magnificent chinchilla coat which she often wore on deck. On the day before the *Olympic* was due at Cherbourg, however, Mrs. Wilson returned to her cabin after dinner to find that her coat had disappeared with a quantity of jewellery which had been left in one of the pockets. On the loss being reported to the ship's officers, a quiet search of the whole vessel was instituted, but no trace of the coat or jewels could be found, nor was there even the slightest clue to the thief's identity.

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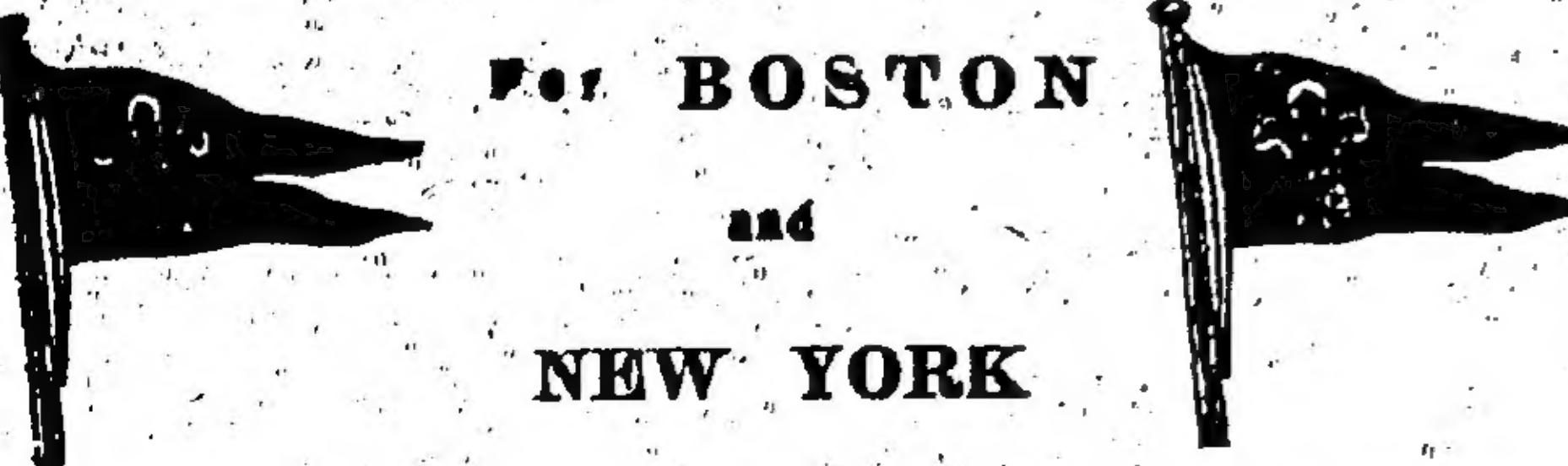
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"SARDINIA"	5,564	16th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"SOUDAN"	4,696	23rd May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"MOORE"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"NAGOYA"	5,854	31st May	Marseilles, London, A'warp. & Hull
"JEPPORE"	5,318	6th June	Singapore & Bombay
"SICILIA"	8,818	11th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	17th June	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	8,097	11th July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHMIR"	8,835	11th July	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,905	22nd July	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	4,696	6th Aug.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KASHGAR"	9,006	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'warp.
"MALEDOSIA"	11,088	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	8,818	3rd Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"NARKUNDA"	13,327	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	9,128	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London & A'warp.
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"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London

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"TALMA"	10,000	28th Apr. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,008	1st May	do
"TALAMBA"	8,015	7th May	do
"TAKLIWA"	7,838	14th May	do
"TAIBRA"	7,223	23rd May	do
"TAKADA"	6,240	4th June	do

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"SOUDAN"	5,696	1st May, Noon	Shanghai & Kobe
"TAIBRA"	7,223	4th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	5,555	5th May	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,118	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SICILIA"	8,818	18th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"TAKADA"	6,240	17th May	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	20th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th June	Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,835	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DELTA"	8,097	15th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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"SOUDAN"	4,696	2nd Oct.	do
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"NARKUNDA"	13,327	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,835	1st Nov.	do
"MOORE"	10,911	14th Nov.	do
"KASHGAR"	9,006	28th Nov.	do
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SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 28th Apr., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANGHONG"	On 29th Apr., 11 a.m.
TSINGTAO	"KINGCHOW"	On 29th Apr., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 30th Apr., 11 a.m.
HOHEOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 30th Apr., 11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSTIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 1st May, 4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 2nd May, D.L.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 3rd May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 3rd May, 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 3rd May, 11 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"EZECHUEN"	On 4th May, 5 p.m.
HOHEOW & SINGAPORE	"CHENAN"	On 8th May, 11 a.m.
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